

comprising a first substantially tubular lining tube of resin absorbable flexible fibrous material, formed with a lumen conforming to the dimension of the lateral and [having] a second collar section having [with] a planar surface [facing the lining tube] and a central opening of the same resin absorbable flexible fibrous material bonded at the intersection of the plane of the collar and [one end to the collar] the tubular section [element] for conforming to the interior surface of the main passageway at the location of the connection between the lateral and the main passageway for forming an improved seal at the junction between the main pipeline and the lateral.

REMARKS

Entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed December 14, 1999 amending claim 9 and canceling claims 10 and 11 is noted with appreciation. This Amendment After Appeal and Request for Continued Examination is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 14, 1999 rejecting claims 9-11 and the Advisory Action and Notice of Appeal relating to claim 9, the only claim present in the application.

Applicant has amended claim 9 in a sincere effort to meet the objections raised by the Examiner in the prior actions and place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments herewith and the following remarks is earnestly solicited.

Prior to discussing the rejection of claim 9, applicant takes this opportunity to set forth the following brief remarks in connection with the invention. Several of these points were discussed earlier with Examiner Nolan at the personal interview of March 3, 1999, reviewed in the Amendment filed on March 31, 1999 and again in the Amendment After Final Rejection. However, in view of the amendments submitted herewith, the undersigned